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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS UNION STANDARD UNDER FLORENCE AGREEMENT

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1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND COPIES NETHERLANDS DOCUMENTS
IN REFERENCES (E) AND (F).

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2. DEPT INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING FROM YOUR OWN SOURCES
EARLIEST DATE WHEN FLORENCE AGREEMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE

DOMESTICALLY IN THE NETHERLANDS AND EARLIEST DATE NETHERLANDS RULING ARTICLE 40(1)(B) (IMPOSING BENELUX STANDARD FOR SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS) BECAME EFFECTIVE, INCLUDING REFERENCES TO RELEVANT OFFICIAL NETHERLANDS DOCUMENTATION. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WILL BE NOTED FROM REFTELS (B), (C) AND (D) RELATING TO BELGIUM THAT FLORENCE AGREEMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE DOMESTICALLY IN BELGIUM JANUARY 15, 1958, AND THAT BENELUX STANDARD WAS REQUIRED BY BELGIUM MINISTERIAL DECREE OF FEBRUARY 17, 1960, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1960.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH REQUESTS PARA 4 REFTEL (A) WE ASSUME NO DOCUMENTATION EXISTS IN YOUR AVAILABLE FILES GOING BACK PRESUMABLY AT LEAST TO AIRGRAM A-19 OF JANUARY 18, 1972, OF ANY DISCUSSION OF THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BENELUX CUSTOMS UNION STANDARD. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IDENTIFYING ANY RETIRED FILES THAT WE MAY CHECK POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF ANY EARLIER MATERIAL ON SAME SUBJECT. COULD YOU ALSO ADVISE WHETHER ANY INSTANCES HAVE COME TO YOUR ATTENTION OR ARE NOTED IN YOUR AVAILABLE FILES WHERE DUTY FREE ADMISSION WAS BARRED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1976, NOT BECAUSE OF MANUFACTURE IN THE NETHERLANDS BUT BECAUSE OF MANUFACTURE IN BELGIUM OR LUXEMBOURG (COMPARE COMMENT BRUSSELS EMBASSY PARAGRAPH 4 REFTEL C). KISSINGER

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